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### Alaska Population Data Resources

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Cover slide



Talk about what all we have and I'll focus on/cover (list), and note the Population and Census Unit and fundamentals of what we do

## Population data: Uses

- Population data are used for a wide range of purposes, including:
  - Distribution of resources
  - Survey weighting
  - Research and planning
  - Legislative redistricting

Uses of population data (incl estimates, as well as projections and esp Census)



Annual state, borough, census area, city, census designated place, census tract, and other special area population estimates

State, borough and census area estimates by age, sex, race and ethnicity

Estimates by age and sex for cities and places of 1,000+

All data except race and ethnicity are published in January. Race and ethnicity data are published in August

### Population Estimates: How we make them

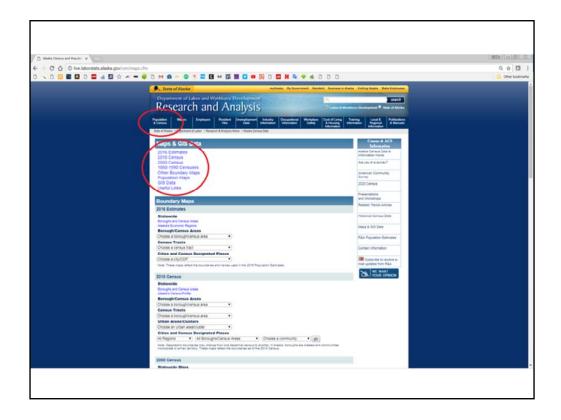
- For total population, and population by age and sex, we begin with the last decennial census (2010 Census)
- Create ratios of census counts to PFD recipients in the census year, and carry them forward each year until the next census
- · Adjust to a separately estimated state total
- There are several additional procedures to account for military, prisons, dorms, etc.

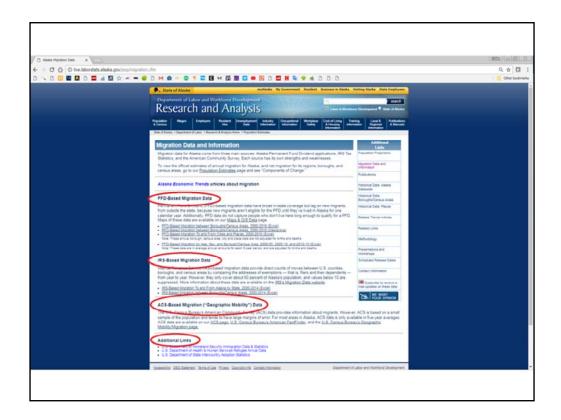
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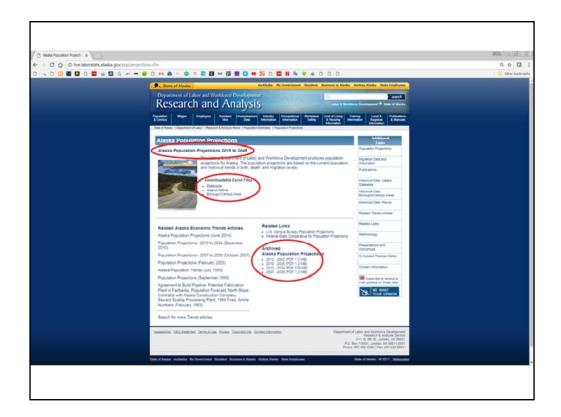
#### Population Estimates: How we make them (continued)

- Race and ethnicity are not included in the PFD data, so we combine our estimates by age and sex with Census data by race and ethnicity
- · Make race data to follow three categorizations:
  - Race alone
  - Race alone or in combination with one or more other races
  - Bridged (1977 OMB)

Methods, briefly







State, borough, and census area projections by age and sex, with 30 year horizon

Multiple migration scenarios for the statewide population

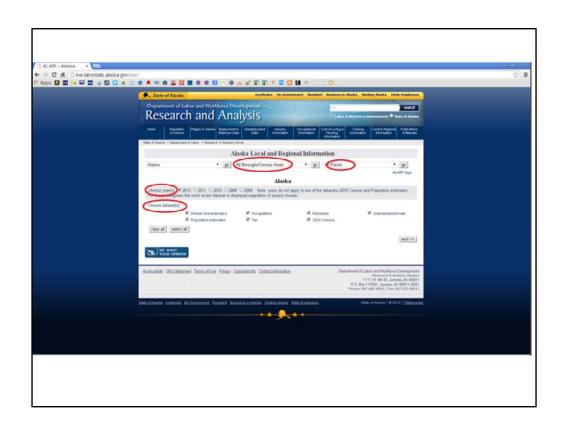
Projections for the statewide Alaska Native (alone or in combination) population by age and sex

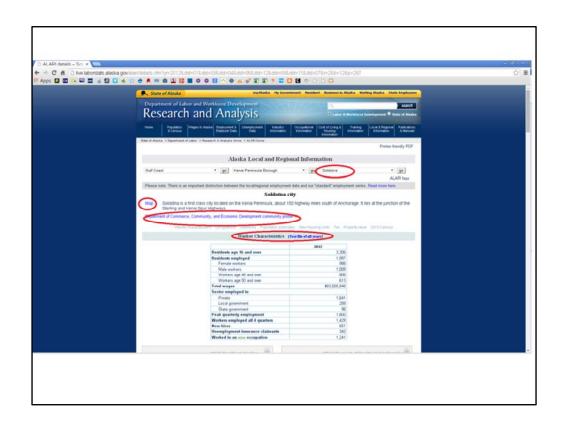
Released in spring of even-numbered years

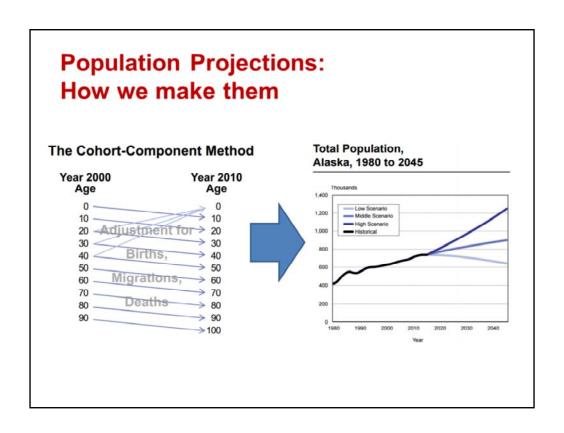
Annual PFD-based migration tabulations for each borough, census area, city, and census designated place Released in January each year

Five year averages of PFD-based migration by age and sex with adjustment for births and deaths for the state and each borough and census area

Released every five years







Methods – cohort component based on recent historical data on births, migration and deaths

## 2020 Census Importance: Funding

- In fiscal year 2015 alone, Alaska received almost \$3,000 per capita through federal assistance programs that distribute money based on decennial census-derived statistics. (Analysis from George Washington University.)
- · These programs included:
  - Medicaid (more than \$1 billion)
  - Highway Planning and Construction (more than \$500 million)
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (almost \$170 million)

A lot of funding tied to Census

# 2020 Census Importance: Redistricting and research

- State and federal redistricting are completed every ten years based on data from the decennial census
- Countless statistics throughout the decade use decennial census data in one way or another
  - Population, employment, education, health, crime...

Critical for successful redistricting and accurate data

#### 2020 Census: Activities and items on our radar

- · Local Update of Census Addresses
- Feedback on the "Types of Enumeration Areas" in Alaska
- Requesting use of post office boxes in Alaska for outreach materials
- · Geographic partnership programs
  - Boundaries and Annexations
  - Redistricting

Some partnership programs, and some things we are requesting

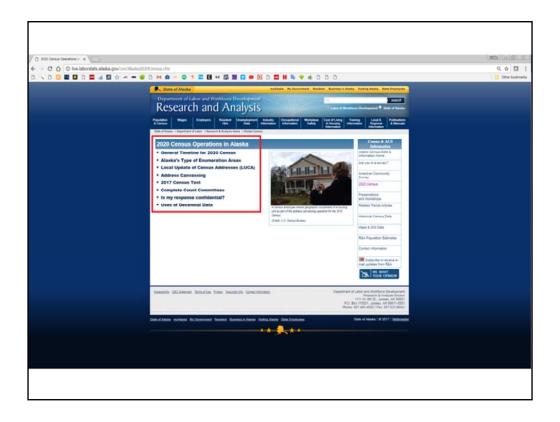
#### 2020 Census: Voices from Alaska

- · Local data managers and stakeholders
- State data managers (incl many beyond our office) and stakeholders
- Alaska Census Working Group, convened by the Foraker Group

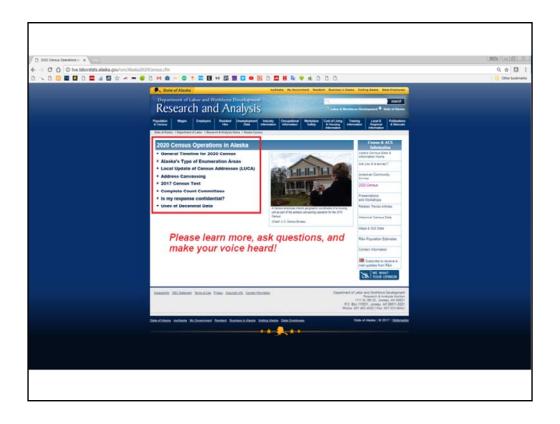
Census is working with many partners – many "partnership programs" – and Alaska Census Working Group is an example of a "proactive group (note voices in attendance). There will also be "Complete Count Committees as we get closer to the Census



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### Thank you!

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